

DEUTERONOMY

THE LAST SERMON OF MOSES

WEEK 5

CHAPTER 10

STUDY GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Each week our study will consist of four components. First, you will watch a brief video. Each video will last no more than 15 minutes. Second and most important, you will read the Deuteronomy chapters that we are studying. Third, you will work through the study guide. This guide will be a tremendous help in your self-study. Simply follow the examples provided. Finally, come to our group time prepared to discuss what you have learned.

WEEK 5: DEUTERONOMY 10



WATCH: WATCH VIDEO #5



READ: READ DEUTERONOMY 10



STUDY: COMPLETE THE STUDY GUIDE FOR WEEK 5



DISCUSS: INSTRUCTION / APPLICATION QUESTIONS

STUDY GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for "Discuss: Instruction/Application" questions in the study guide.

- First, look up the 'Instruction' passage in the Law and briefly summarize it in one or two sentences. (The instruction passage is the part of the law that instructs Israel on how they were to act, believe, or live. Do not use commentaries. Instead, simply look up the verse and summarize its instruction to Israel.)
- Next, look up the 'Application' passage (THE APPLICATION PASSAGE IS NOT YOUR APPLICATION. IT IS THE PASSAGE IN WHICH THE LAW MUST BE APPLIED OR UNDERSTOOD IN ORDER TO CORRECTLY BE INTERPRETED) and briefly summarize it in one or two sentences.
- Finally, explain why/how the instruction passage relates to / impacts the interpretation of the 'application' passage. For example, "The Law instructs Israel not to do X. Israel is doing X. That is bad."



Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6 in Romans 2:28-29; Colossians 2:11

Instruction (Deut 10:16; 30:6) – Circumcision of the Heart

Application (Rom 2:28-29; Col 2:11) – Circumcision of the Heart



Deuteronomy 10:17-19 in James 1:27

Instruction (Deut 10:17-19) – God's Love for the Hopeless

Application (James 1:27) – True Religion



Deuteronomy 10:18-19 in 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 5:43-48

Instruction (Deut 10:18-19) - God's One-way Gracious Love

Application (1 Cor 13; Matt 5:43-48) - Love of Others

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Remember back in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (called the "Shema"), Moses connects the meditation of the heart on the law will lead to a change in that which comes out of the mouth. As Jesus teaches in Matthew 12:34, "For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart." He is talking to the Pharisees (see 12:24-25) who rely upon the Law but do not follow it. In Deuteronomy 10:16, Moses gives the command to "circumcise the foreskin of your heart" (literal translation). He returns to this statement in Deuteronomy 30:6.

Now read Ezekiel 36:22-38, Jeremiah 31:31-40, Romans 2:28-29 and Colossians 2:11. Discuss the relationship between the Law and the heart.

Did the Law ever circumcise the heart of Israel?

What will circumcise the heart of Israel?

What is the relationship between the Spirit and circumcision of the heart?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

2. What is the logical relationship between Deuteronomy 10:17 and 18? In other words, why does the truth of verse 17 lead to the reality of verse 18 and then the command of verse 19?

In verse 17, Moses states that the Lord does not show partiality (literally, he does not "*lift up face*") to anyone. Moreover, He cannot be bribed.

Why doesn't He show partiality and why can't He be bribed?

Hint: Reread verses 14-17...slowly.

Why is it then that James states in 1:27, "Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world"?

Is this an orphans and widows issue or is there a bigger principle at work here?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. In what you have learned from Deuteronomy 10, describe the love of God.

Is His love a reciprocal kind of love (if you love Him then He will love you)? Or, is it a one-way unconditional love (i.e., He chooses to set His affection)?

Can His love be bought? Is He partial? Was Israel supposed to represent His love toward them to others? Are you supposed to do the same?

So, in one sentence state the relationship between the love of God (be sure to describe the nature of that love) and how you are to love others.

